

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

July 28, 2021

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Express Times-NJ Zone of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. McGuiness, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Session held on July 14, 2021, which was seconded by Mr. McGuiness.

Ayes: Mr. McGuiness, Mr. Farino, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Mrs. Mora Dillon

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Session held on July 14, 2021, which was seconded by Mr. McGuiness.

Ayes: Mr. McGuiness, Mr. Farino, Mr. Hayes, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Mrs. Mora Dillon

BILL LIST:

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the July 28, 2021 Bill List, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. McGuiness, Mr. Farino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CLERK'S REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak stated that a letter was on the dais in reference to the radios that we have replaced being donated to two other municipalities to use. If the Township Committee would like to move forward with this, a resolution is needed at the next meeting.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that Mr. Hayes spoke with Mr. Jewell in reference to the septic at the Mt Bethel Church. Mr. Lavery stated that this could be discussed in Executive Session.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that 13 windows were installed in the Municipal Building last week.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she has Fireman's Relief Association Applications for Christopher Hinkle and Alexander Kohn. All items are in order; a motion is needed to approve.

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the signing of the Fireman's Relief Association applications, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Farino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. Mollineaux stated she has a few items on the agenda this evening:

- A sick pay unpaid payout for an employee
- Authorizing Police to apply for a Drive Sober Grant
- Amending the Mt. Bethel Road to recover the money based on the fluctuation of the price
- Beginning the process for Janes Chapel and authorizing the engineer to work on that as discussed at the last meeting
- Introduction for the Special Emergency Ordinance for the Tax Maps to spread costs over the next five (5) years. After that ordinance is in place, the next step will be the assessor making a recommendation of which company to hire that submitted proposals. The process will continue with the other resolutions. The adoption of the ordinance will be the second meeting in August.

EMPLOYEES' REPORTS:

Mr. Snyder stated that we are on the schedule for South State to begin paving Mt. Bethel Road on August 28. This will be done in conjunction with Independence so that the road is smooth between the Townships.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineering – Mr. Ferriero stated they talked about the Janes Chapel Road design and construction management and the work associated with it. We've completed the application for Snyder Road for Local Aide and we have the resolution on the agenda tonight to reemphasize that the DOT is particular about it. You and the clerk will have to sign in for submission to DOT. They now require log-ins by different people in the municipality including finance. There's been a lot of backlog on the DOT level that won't move that quickly.

Zoning – The zoning backlog is significant. Mr. Ferriero is able to clear through the emails and voicemails, but once done, another 17 come in between 24-48 hours. It's time consuming and the enforcement is another issue that is separate for a non-public session discussion because there are certain challenging issues in numerous locations.

Mayor Watters asked about Janes Chapel Road, and Mr. Ferriero confirmed that the resolution is on tonight's agenda.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Watters opened the public portion of the meeting.

Alan Wolfe, 416 Mount Bethel Road, spoke to the Township Committee about his concerns with the drilling and blasting occurring at Lot 701, Block 202 Mount Bethel Road. The explosions shook his entire house. There was no notification of blasting with an abandoned iron mine only a few hundred feet away.

Dr. Glen Wainan, Grandview Estates, spoke about his concerns with the concept that went before the Land Use Board for the food recycling plant. He was concerned about the truck traffic and other environmental issues. Mr. Farino, LUB Member, confirmed that it was a concept without an application and addressed Dr. Wainan's concerns.

Andrew Gewain, 1 Country Meadow Road, spoke to the Township Committee in reference to his concerns with the food recycling plant. Mr. Farino and Mr. Lavery also addressed Mr. Gewain's concerns. Mr. Ferriero confirmed that they have not filed an application in Mansfield.

Scott Reyes, 3 Country Meadow Road, spoke to the Township Committee in reference to his concerns with the food recycling plant asking how residents will be notified if they do file an application. Mr. Ferriero explained there will be a notice in the newspaper, all residents within 200 feet will receive certified mail, and it will appear on the Township website. Mr. Reyes also spoke about the blowing of horns for the trains. Mr. Farino stated the train company put the train station by Borealis on Thomas Road. Mr. Ferriero stated train horns are federal and local municipalities can't do anything about them. Mr. Reyes also commented that there was a possibility that in early summer, the DOT was dumping road kill behind the Pheasant Farm. Animal parts were showing up in the neighborhood attracting an increase in coyotes.

Carol Thompson, 510 Route 57, spoke to the Township Committee about her concerns in reference to Route 57 Auto still in violations. Court has been rescheduled for next Tuesday. Mr. Lavery sent a cease-and-desist letter to them.

Mayor Watters asked for further comment from the public; seeing none, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

2021-147

LA2022MA MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP (WARREN) SNYDER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS 21

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee of the Mansfield Township (Warren) formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Joseph Watters and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2022-Snyder Road Improvements-00657 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Mansfield Township (Warren); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Joseph Watters and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Mansfield Township (Warren) and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 –148
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Granting Unpaid Sick Leave to Department of Public Works (Mechanic/Laborer)

WHEREAS, the Township Committee (“Committee”) of the Township of Mansfield (“Township”) finds and declares that Kenneth Purdy (“Employee”) is an employee of the Mansfield Township Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Committee further finds and declares that the Employee will be out of work on unpaid leave as of August 2, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield does hereby grant unpaid leave to the Township Employee, Kenneth Purdy, during the period of August 2, 2021 through October 29, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk be and is hereby directed to formally notify the Public Employees’ Retirement System of said status and to cause the same to be included in the records maintained for said employee.

2021-149

Resolution
Supporting the 2021 *Drive Sober or Get Labor Day*
Crackdown

Whereas, over a five year period between 2014-2018 New Jersey roadways experienced 36,049 alcohol involved crashes, which resulted in 648 fatalities; and

Whereas, the number of illegal drug and medication related crashes increased in 2018 to 1,668 from 1,610 in 2017. Drugged driving (illicit and/or medication) contributed to 13% of motor vehicle fatalities in 2018; and

Whereas, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

Whereas, the Holidays in particular are traditionally times of social gatherings which include alcohol; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the 2021 *Drive Sober or Get Pulled End Holiday Crackdown*; and

Whereas, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from August 20, 2021 through September 6, 2021; and

Whereas, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

Therefore, be is resolved that the Township of Mansfield declares it's support for the 2021 *Drive Sober or Get Pulled End Holiday Crackdown* from August 20, 2021 through September 6, 2021 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

RESOLUTION 2021-150

AUTHORIZING PURCHASING FROM MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT # 6

INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MOUNT BETHEL ROAD

MILLING AND PAVING FROM SOUTH STATE INC, 202 REEVES ROAD, BRIDGETON, NJ 08302

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2021-132 ADOPTED JUNE 23, 2021

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield wishes to contract out for road milling and paving under the Morris County Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, Morris County Co-Op Pricing system awarded a contract to South State Inc., 202 Reeves Road, Bridgeton, NJ 08302 for milling and paving; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds were appropriated in the amount of \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to make purchase through cooperative and state contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and 12; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Chief Financial Officer to authorize these services through the Morris County Co-Op Pricing System for including but not limited to the following:

Mount Bethel Road

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a purchase order to South State Inc, 202 Reeves Road,

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-151
OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

Authorizing Payment of Municipal Obligations

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield finds and declares that certain municipal obligations have come due and are now payable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield does hereby authorize payment of said municipal obligations, in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief Financial Officer and the Deputy Treasurer, from the following accounts and in the following amounts: **WHEREAS**, the Township Committee further finds and declares that said obligations have been itemized on the annexed schedules, which are hereby deemed part of this Resolution;

PREPAID LIST	
CURRENT	\$97,904.04
CAPITAL	
TRUST	
DOG	
RECREATION	
OPEN SPACE	
DEV ESCROW	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$13.84
TAX PREMIUM	
MANDATORY DEV	
OUTSIDE EMPLOY	
TOTAL	\$97,917.88
BILLS LIST	
CURRENT	\$2,221,948.48
CAPITAL	\$282,455.12
TRUST	\$
DOG	\$
RECREATION	\$
OPEN SPACE	
DEV ESCROW	\$11,180.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	
TAX PREMIUM	\$
MANDATORY DEV	\$542.50
OUTSIDE EMPLOY	\$
TOTAL	2,516,126.10

RESOLUTION 2021-152

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

A RESOLUTION FOR JANE CHAPEL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, there is a need for engineering services for the Jane Chapel Road improvement; and

WHEREAS, Paul Ferriero of Ferriero Engineering, Inc. is the Township's Engineer of record and;

WHEREAS, Paul Ferriero has submitted a proposal for the cost of engineering for the Jane Chapel Road improvement project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Warren that Paul Ferriero of Ferriero Engineering, Inc be authorized to perform all the engineering services for full completion of the Jane Chapel Road improvement project in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve Resolutions 2021-147 – 2021-152, which was seconded by Mr. McGuinness.

Ayes: Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Farino, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ORDINANCES:

First Reading

ORDINANCE #2021-13

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000 FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN APPROVED TAX MAP IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD,

IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The preparation of an approved tax map for use by the local assessor in and by the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Warren New Jersey, is hereby authorized, and a special emergency appropriation of \$125,000 is hereby authorized pursuant to the Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53).

Section 2. Said emergency appropriations shall be provided for in full in the budgets of the next succeeding years by the inclusion of not less than one-fifth the total amount in the next succeeding annual budgets.

Section 3. The Chief Financial Officer acting in concert with the Administration is hereby authorized to finance such emergency appropriation from surplus funds available or by Special Emergency Notes.

Section 4. A copy of this ordinance as finally adopted shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-13 with a second reading on August 25, 2021, at 7:30 pm, which was seconded by Mr. Hayes.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. McGuinness, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Watters announced moving into Executive Session at 8:09 pm.

Mr. Lavery stated the Executive Session discussion will include:

- Personnel matter dealing with DPW
- Contractual matter dealing with Mt. Bethel Church
- Contract dealing with Zoning

Mr. Hayes made a motion to go into Executive Session, which was seconded by Mrs. Mora Dillon.

Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. McGuinness, Mayor Watters

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Return from Executive Session at 8:46 pm.

Mr. Lavery announced the return from Executive Session 8:46 pm where they discussed:

- Personnel matter dealing with DPW
- Contractual matter dealing with Mt. Bethel Church
- Contractual matter dealing with Zoning

No official action was taken. Copies of these minutes will be available at such time the Committee determines there is no longer a harm to the public interest.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mr. Hayes, Mr. Farino, Mrs. Mora Dillon, Mr. McGuinness, Mayor Watters

Mrs. Mora Dillon made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm, which was carried by all.